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SUBJ: GOV ORDERS GULF TO CLARIFY VENEZUELAN ROLE

IN BRIBERY SCANDAL

BEGIN SUMMARY. PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY EFRAIN SCHCHT ARISTEGUIETA  
DELIVERED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE TO PRESS MAY 6. COMMUNIQUE  
STATE THAT USG HAS BEEN ASKED THROUGH REGULAR DIPLOMATIC  
CHANNELS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION FOR PURPOSE OF CLEARING  
UP THE DENUNCIATION. END SUMMARY

1. BEGIN COMMUNIQUE QTE PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND HIS  
CABINET MET THIS MORNING AND ANALYZED AND CONSIDERED THE  
INFORMATION THAT HAS APPEARED DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS IN THE  
INTERNATIONAL PRESS ACCORDING TO WHICH GULF OIL COPORATION  
HAS DECLARED THAT BETWEEN 1966 AND 1972 IT WAS FORCED TO PAY  
A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE  
OPERATING IN A NATION WHOSE NAME IS NOT DIVULGED IN THE DE-  
CLARATION. SINCE THIS FOREIGN FIRM HAS CONTROLLING INTEREST  
IN THE MENE GRANDE OIL COMPANY, WHICH OPERATES IN VENEZUELA  
AND SINCE THE DENUNCIATION IN QUESTION HAS RAISED SPECULATION  
IMPLYING THAT VENEZUELA PARTICIPATED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED  
DEEDS, THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLVED TO IMMEDIATELY  
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ASK THE GULF OIL COPORATION, BY WAY OF ITS AFFILIATED FIRM

THAT OPERATES IN THIS COUNTRY, MENE GRANDE OIL COMPANY, THAT WITHIN 48 HOURS COUNTING FROM 6 P.M. TODAY (MAY 6) IT PUBLICLY MAKE CLEAR WHETHER OR NO POLITICIANS OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN THE REPORTED BRIBE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SHOULD THE ALLOTTED TIME PASS WITHOUT THE SOLICITED STATEMENT BEING PRODUCED, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE WILL ORDER MENE GRANDE OIL COMPANY TO SUSPEND ITS ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE GULF OIL CORPORATION CLEARS UP WHETHER OR NOT VENEZUELAN POLITICIANS OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED DEED.

2. THIS DECISION WAS COMMUNICATED THIS AFTERNOON BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO THE VENEZUELAN POLITICAL PARTIES, WHICH GAVE HIM FULL SUPPORT; ALSO, THIS DECISION WAS COMMUNICATED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MENE GRANDE OIL COMPANY. ALSO, BY REGULAR DEPLOMATIC CHANNELS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED OF NORTH AMERICA HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLEARING UP THE CITED DENUNCIATION, IF ITS LAWS SO PERMIT IT.

3. IF WITHIN 48 HOURS THE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT IS NOT PRODUCED BY THE GULF OIL CORP., THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MENE GRANDE WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE GULF OIL CORP. CLEARS UP WHAT HAPPENED. THE PARALYZATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED FIRM OPERATING IN VENEZUELA WILL NOT FREE IT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO ITS EMPLOYEES AND ITS WORKERS. END QUOTE  
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